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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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MULTIPLEXER, DEMULTIPLEXER AND

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) RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Communication dated March 16, 2004, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on April 16, 2004.

A fee of \$\overline{Now}\infty\$ is being submitted concurrently. Should this fee be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicant hereby provisionally petitions for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), such fees may be charged to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

The Communication of March 16, 2004 forwards a paper entitled "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)." This document advises that claims 20-22 do not have the proper status identifiers. The document advises that the non-compliant section of the Amendment must be resubmitted.

FRE ENCLOSED:S Please charge any further fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002

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Accordingly, a corrected section that includes claim amendments is attached. It is respectfully requested that the attached section be used as a basis for further prosecution, in lieu of pages 2-7 of the Amendment filed on March 9, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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